

What Goes On

Sat., Dec. 11, 10 a.m., Opening of Greenbelt Metro Station
 Mon., Dec. 13, 8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Bldg.
 Mon., Dec. 13 - Sun., Dec. 19, SHL Rec. Center Closed to have the floors refinished
 Thurs., Dec. 16, 8 p.m., GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.

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Over 250 GHI Members Turn Out To Demand No Fee Increase

by Mary Moien

The new Greenbelt Elementary School was the scene of the special membership meeting called by Greenbelt Homes, Inc. on December 5. The meeting was called to address a petition of more than 50 members of the cooperative. The specific motion introduced was "that the GHI budget be kept at or below the total members' charge for 1993, \$5,938,605."

Al Freas, president of the Board of Directors, indicated that the motion was out of order since the GHI bylaws indicate that the board has the responsibility to approve the budget. He indicated that there is nothing in the bylaws to prevent a discussion of the budget, but any recommendations would be non-binding.

After three hours of discussion, an amended motion was passed, stating that the 1994 GHI member charges could not exceed the member charges for 1993. The directors scheduled an open board meeting for December 6 to discuss recommendations for cutting

the budget. (See separate story.)

New Manager Present

Because a line of members stretched toward the school doors waiting to register, the meeting started almost 30 minutes late. Approximately 250 registered members were present. The first order of business was the surprise introduction of Gretchen Overdurf, the new GHI general manager, who will start in January. She briefly addressed the crowd.

The amended motion requires the board to keep 1994 member charges at the same rate as the 1993 charges.

The introduction was followed by almost 30 minutes of wrangling over Robert's Rules of Order and the amount of time that a speaker could have the floor. Thus, it was one hour into the meeting before the motion was placed on the floor by GHI member Connie Arnold.

Member Nat Shinderman im-

mediately stated that the bylaws indicate the need for a special membership meeting only when the increase in member charges exceeds 10%. For 1994, the average increase is about 4%. Freas agreed with this interpretation of the bylaws but indicated that the board was not opposed to a nonbinding discussion of the budget and possible cuts.

Discussion

An amendment to the original motion, which would reject the budget solely to give the board a chance to take into account the discussions at the meeting, caused more confusion and arguments over parliamentary procedure. This amendment, introduced by GHI member Walter Morse, was defeated.

Arnold, as the maker of the original motion, was given the first chance to speak. Because of property taxes and other set expenses, it appears that saving can come only from reductions in maintenance and administrative costs. Arnold indicated that she does not favor contracting out maintenance work to try to save money but feels that some reduction by staff attrition may

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GHI Board Sustains Member Vote

by James Giese

The Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Board of Directors held a special meeting Monday, December 6, to figure out what to do about the motion not to increase member fees that was passed at the Special Membership meeting held on the previous day. All directors were present and spectators filled the board room to near capacity. Although not scheduled to begin working until next month, Gretchen Overdurf, the recently selected General Manager, also was present.

Director O'Boyle started the board on its ultimate course by introducing a motion that membership fees remain at the same level for the next year. Audit Committee member Alan Turnbull felt the motion was irrelevant to the situation because the membership had already decided the matter. He asked the board whether it agreed with Chair Al Freas's ruling at the membership meeting that the adopted motion was advisory only to the board.

Freas said it didn't matter whether his ruling was right or wrong, the question is what did

the board want to do. Board member Wayne Williams noted that someone could have challenged the chair's ruling at the membership meeting but no one did. "There were people there who could have made a motion," he declared.

No Fee Increase

Board member Carole Levin felt that it was important for the board to vote on O'Boyle's motion and moved for the board to do so. Unanimously adopting the call for question, the board then adopted O'Boyle's motion not to increase the member fees by a six to two vote, with Keith Jahoda and Williams opposed. Williams expressed concern about the board's fiduciary responsibility to adopt a budget. He felt the board should have first consulted with staff. Jahoda felt the board had first to look at what could be done and how it could make the necessary cuts before it took the action. Board member Chuck Hess stated that he felt the membership motion was not binding but that he wished to sustain the members' desire. O'Boyle stated that the board should not get lost in whether the membership vote was binding or not but should listen to the 200 members who turned out on a rainy day.

How to Cut \$236,000?

Next the board considered how to cut the \$236,000 from the

budget resulting from the decision not to increase member fees. Jahoda asked board members to put forth their suggestions for making cuts. Beginning with Carole Levin, each member listed items that they would consider cutting. After all nine had spoken, Freas had a list of over 50 items.

How to deal with this list? Members were concerned about the impact on GHI employees and the new General Manager. "If there is bad news to employees, it should come from the board and not be left to the new manager," O'Boyle argued. Freas was concerned that actions affecting employees should be held until last as he was afraid of staff walking out. "We need staff," he said.

Overdurf took exception to the board's concern about her having to make the bad choices. "I need to make the bad decisions and take a hard look at the operations. You are not in a position to make the decisions," she told the board.

Health Insurance

Board member William Phelan noted that the membership had made it clear that the board should look at reducing the cost paid by GHI toward employee health insurance, which is 100%

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Saga of Metrorail Reviewed As Greenbelt Station Opens

by Elaine Skolnik

For decades the Metrorail saga has kept Greenbelters on an emotional roller coaster ride. In 1968 when the first Capital Contributions Agreement (signed by eight local jurisdictions and the states of Maryland and Virginia) was adopted, there were high expectations for the timely completion of a 101-mile system by the late 1970's or early 1980's.

However these hopes were later dashed when the system was threatened with cuts to 76.5 miles during the Carter administration and later by the Reagan administration.

Alignment as well as funding problems caused construction delays in the Prince Georges County Green Line. Because of vehement citizen objections to certain rail and station locations, county councils in the mid-1970s failed to make the necessary hard decisions on station location. Compared to other local jurisdictions at the time, Prince Georges County had the smallest percentage—about 38%—of the then completed Metro line system.

Hopes Dashed

Optimism was again the mood of the day when the 101-mile system was back on track in late 1984, only to be followed by disappointment when the federal administration in 1985 recommended zero funding for Fiscal Year 1987 and the federal Urban Mass Transportation Administration later froze Metro funds that had been appropriated for Fiscal Year 1985 and 1986.

In 1986 everything looked rosy for finalizing a new three-phase plan and full-funding agreement that all parties favored. In the battle for negotiations, County Executive Parris Glendening led the county troops with Congressman Steny Hoyer in the vanguard. County Councilman Richard Castaldi was also a major player.

When the smoke cleared the "V for Victory" sign was raised and the Green Line appeared to be back on track.

Funds Released in 1987

In late 1987, the federal government released \$200 million in construction and real estate funds to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) to build a two-mile section of Metro of the Green Line between Prince Georges Plaza and College Park. Later, funds were appropriated to complete the subway line to the Greenbelt terminus.

Donations Drop-off On Saturday, Dec. 11

The American Rescue Workers (ARW) will have a truck ready to receive clothing and household items Saturday, December 11, behind City Hall from 9 a.m.-12 noon. Items should be seasonal, clean and in reasonably good condition. Donations are tax-deductible and receipts are available. For more information or to arrange a pick-up of large items (mattresses, furniture etc.), call ARW at 336-6200.

However, more delays occurred when the thorny problem of road access to the College Park Calvert Road Station surfaced and a lawsuit was filed by a group of small plane pilots. The suit sought unsuccessfully to block construction of the College Park Station, on the grounds that the above-ground subway line would be unsafe for planes using the College Park Airport.

The issues were resolved, construction proceeded, and groundbreaking for the Greenbelt Station took place on October 7, 1989. A collective sigh of relief was heard and, as predicted, the West Hyattsville, Prince Georges Plaza, College Park, and Greenbelt Stations will open this Saturday, December 11. These additional stations and those existing total 89.5 miles. Metro officials say that a 103-mile system "is assured."

Yards

The timetable for the opening of these stations was not affected by the delay in construction of the Metrorail Transit Car Service and Inspection Yards, which was slated for completion this month. Under construction, the

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Police on Bicycles Join GBC City Tour

Two of Metro's Police on Bikes patrol will "Cycle Across Greenbelt" with the Greenbelt Bicycle Coalition on Saturday, December 11. The "Cycle Across Greenbelt" is a four mile bike tour from Schrom Hills Park to the Greenbelt Metro Station.

Officers Macfadden and Lowe will be at Schrom Hills Park at 9 a.m. to answer questions about the Police on Bikes concept.

The "Cycle Across Greenbelt" is an event that links the three parts of Greenbelt with a continuous bicycle route. The purpose of Saturday's tour is to greet the Metro Green Line. Opening ceremonies for the Greenbelt Metro Station start at 10 a.m.

The tour originates in Greenbelt East and joins other cyclists waiting at a second starting point in Old Greenbelt. The Greenbelt East contingent will take off from Schrom Hills Park at Hanover Parkway at 9:15 a.m. and proceed to the parking lot at St. Hugh's School on Crescent Road near Northway. The united group will begin the final leg of the tour from St. Hugh's at 9:30 a.m.

Letters to the Editor

Many Thanks

Once again the Greenbelt community has demonstrated its uniqueness by supporting the Greenbelt Lions Club Pancake Breakfast held on December 4. We were thrilled to have such a large turnout on a chilly and wet morning and were so appreciative for the understanding and patience when, in spite of the National Guard field kitchen on the back parking lot and the kitchen at St. Hugh's cooking pancakes at full speed, there was a back-up. The holiday spirit prevailed and the brief wait of a few patrons was taken in stride as they realized and accepted that this community service was being provided by local citizens for the pleasure of the community and thus lacked the professionalism of fast food establishments.

A heartfelt thanks to St. Hugh's for the use of the hall, the art teacher of St. Hugh's School for the beautiful decorations, the National Guard for their great support in cooking and serving, the Greenbelt Recreation Department for help with banners, flyers and support too numerous to list, Miss Greenbelt, Christine Patsas, for her fellowship with the public, many individual citizens who have asked their names be withheld for theirs was an act of love for their community and not a need for publicity, and last but not least, the many Greenbelt Lions who worked fervently using their amateur skills to do a professional job.

Thanks, Greenbelt, for making the holidays a bit more special because of the community we live in which is made up of special people. Since the Pancake Breakfast has become such a popular event, we are already planning for a third kitchen facility for next year to accommodate the crowd. Even Santa was overheard stating he had so many visitors this year that there was no time for a break. Again, thanks and have a happy holiday!

Nancy L. Ward

Free Space

Prior to the special GHI meeting on December 5, I was not sure whether to support the GHI budget and was keeping an open mind on this issue. However, I couldn't help noticing that once again the News Review has injected itself into a controversy

by 'providing information' prepared by one side of the parties in the controversy. I refer to the December 2 article, "GHI Budget Summary."

An editorial comment prefacing the material states that it was prepared for the GHI newsletter, an official GHI publication. Thus the News Review has given free space to the GHI Board to air its views under the guise of objective "information," while opponents to the Board's proposed budget are restricted to Letters to the Editor and paid ads.

The News Review has often done this in the past: promote the views of official governmental bodies through "background articles" which are heavily slanted to favor the policies and views of public officials. The published excerpt from the GHI Newsletter is yet another example of the News Review's free mouthpiece service for official bodies under attack by citizens.

Since the News Review apparently still hasn't figured out that presenting verbatim statements of one of the parties in a controversy as objective news articles is not an appropriate practice for an "independent newspaper," official bodies enmeshed in controversies would do well to instruct the News Review that they will speak up on their own behalf, rather than sit back and allow the News Review to do their public relations work for them.

Ruth Kastner

Thanks

The family of Mildred Don Bullian would like to thank all of their close neighbors and friends for their support during our time of sorrow. Thank you to all her friends from Goodluck Recreation Center, Knights of Columbus Bingo, Elks Lodge Bingo and Greenbelt Recreation Center for their support.

A special thank you to the Ladies of Charity from Saint Hugh's and Father Crawley. We will miss our mother and grandmother very much.

The Don Bullian Family

"Help Pay Costs"

As GHI residents are surely aware, the membership won a significant victory in Sunday's special referendum. Our fees will not be increased in 1994! While enjoying our democratic triumph, we should also be especially grateful to the individual who did so much to put this issue before the people, Sherry Garten.

Sherry Garten put a good deal of her own resources into the battle against rising fees, eventually spending \$309.70 in the process. Because of her efforts, all GHI members will benefit by having their fees frozen. The least we can do is help her out with a small donation to help defray the costs she incurred in fighting for our democratic principles. Contributions to cover Sherry's costs can be sent to her at 11-F Laurel Hill Road, and she has pledged to turn over any sum in excess of her own costs to Members First.

Thank you Sherry Garten.

Bob Buzzanco

Visit Marietta Manor

The Marietta Manor will re-open for tours featuring its "restoration in progress" on Sundays, 12-4 p.m. through December 19. Other activities at the manor include, the Marietta Gift Shop, which is open Saturday and Sunday afternoons, and The DeMarr Library of County History, open for research year round, Saturdays, 12-4 p.m. Marietta Manor is located at 5626 Bell Station Road, off of Route 193, just north of Route 450, in Glenn Dale. For more information, call 301-464-5291 or the DeMarr Library, Saturday afternoons at 301-464-0590.

FALL FLU SHOTS

Greater Laurel Beltsville Hospital will provide flu shots for the general public free of charge. GLBH nursing administrative staff will administer the vaccine in the second floor Conference Room on Wednesday, December 15 from 3 until 7 p.m. No appointment is necessary. For more information, please call the Public Affairs and Development Office at (301) 497-7914.

Greenbelt School Needs Donations

The Greenbelt Nursery School and Kindergarten is now in its 52nd year of continuous operation serving the Greenbelt community. The school is a parent run co-operative with a paid staff of teachers who are committed to quality early childhood education.

Currently plans are under way for the school to move to the opens. This will allow the school new community center when it to increase in size and to expand its programs. To do this more funds are needed. The school is saving cash register tapes from Giant Food and Safeway, selling certificates from the Co-op supermarket, Giant and Safeway as well as selling "Greenbelt is Great" T-shirts, mugs and bumper stickers.

If anyone is interested in helping the school by either donating register tapes or purchasing certificates or "Greenbelt is Great" items please contact the school (474-5570).

MD Legislators Give Preview of Session

On Thursday, December 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Berwyn Presbyterian Church The Prince Georges Peace and Justice Caucus and Maryland United for Peace and Justice are sponsoring a preview of important bills and issues that will be brought before the Maryland legislators during the session that begins Jan. 12 and ends April 11.

Four local delegates will discuss subjects of particular interest to them. The panel consists of Paul Pinsky, Dist. 22; Joan Pitkin, Dist. 23; Pauline H. Menes, and James Rosapepe, Dist. 21.

Issues that will be emphasized are: health care, budget and taxes, crime, justice, peace, education, environment, disability and conflict resolution programs. A time for discussion and questions will follow the panel presentations.

For further information call Bertram Donn (301) 474-1353 or Tonny Langbehn, (301) 390-9684.




Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt

Democratic Club

presents

The Honorable

Kurt L. Schmoke

Mayor of Baltimore

Guest Speaker

Holiday Party ★ Swearing-In of Officers

Friday December 17


8:00 p.m.

Terrace Room, Greenbriar Community Building

Guests are Welcome

Call 345-3243 for Further Information

Executive Board Meeting 8 p.m., Sun., Dec. 12

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INVITATION TO BID

The City of Greenbelt is accepting sealed bids for the following items. Interested bidders may obtain detailed specifications for each item, by bid number, from the Purchasing Office, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland or call (301) 474-8052.

Bids will be accepted until the specified time for each bid item as noted below; at such time bids will be publicly opened and read in the Municipal Building Council Room, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland.

Bid #	Description	Date & Time
1993-15	Skid Steer Loader w/attachments	12/29/93 1:45 PM
1993-13	Communication Equipment Maintenance	12/29/93 2:00 PM

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Diane Oberg, president; James K. Giese, vice president; Virginia Beauchamp, treasurer; Bernina McGee, secretary; and Barbara Likowski.

Toastmasters Party

Spring Speakers Toastmasters Club is holding its annual holiday party Thursday, December 16 at 7 p.m. in the Fountain Lodge in Springhill Lake. Members, guests and newcomers are invited! Please bring a small gift. Attendees will exchange the gifts during the party. Toastmasters offers its members the opportunity to improve their public speaking skills in a supportive and friendly environment. Whether a student, business person or community activist, joining Toastmasters can be a benefit. For more information, call Joyce at 474-0567.

Chanukah Concert

On Sunday, December 12, Mishkan Torah will present its annual Chanukah concert for children to benefit needy children. The concert will feature Sally Heckelman, who has sung with various local Jewish groups such as Machaya, the Robinson Sisters, and Lox and Vodka. She is currently a member of the new Fabbrangen Fiddlers.

The concert will begin at 1:30 p.m. at Mishkan Torah, 10 Ridge Road. Admission will be a new toy per child. Following the concert there will be an ice cream social sponsored by Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream.

Reservations are not required. Everyone is welcome!

Community Events

SHL Watch Group**Holds Open Meeting**

by Sara Bomberg

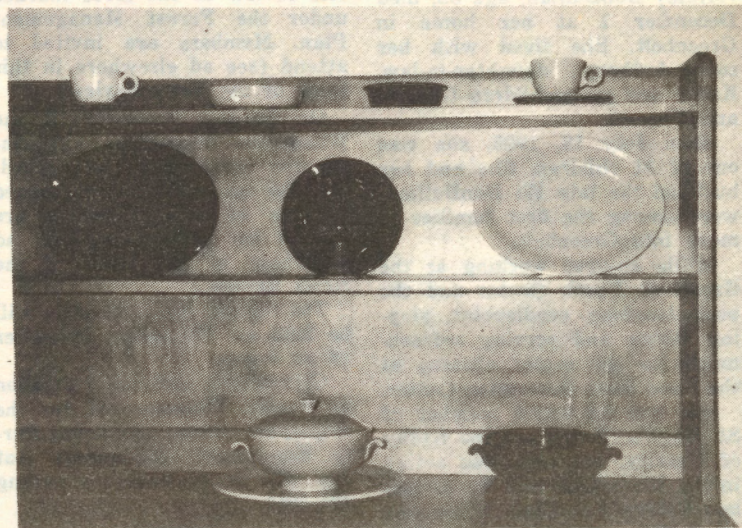
On Thursday, December 9, 7 p.m., the Springhill Lake Good Neighbor Watch Group will hold an open, special meeting at the Fountain Lodge in regard to the new Metro Station. Officer J. D. Smith of the Metropolitan Security Force, will discuss safety and the metro system. An interpreter for the deaf will be present.

On Friday, December 10, the following events will take place at the Metro station:

4-7 p.m. ID's and reduced fare cards distributed.

5-7 p.m. Orientation for the deaf.

5-6:30 every 30 minutes: motility training for the blind and visually handicapped.



The Fiesta Ware exhibit continues at the Greenbelt Museum, 10-B Crescent Rd. until the end of December. Fiesta dinner ware was popular in the 1930s and '40s and came in a variety of colors, providing cheerful table settings. The Museum is open every Sunday, 1-5 p.m., except for Sunday, Dec. 26, when it will be closed. —photo by Sandra Lange

AGENDA**Regular Meeting of City Council**

Monday, December 13, 1993

8:00 p.m.

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations (The consent agenda consists of those items which have asterisks (*) placed beside them, subject to such revisions as may be made by the Council prior to approval)
5. Approval of Agenda and Additions

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Presentations
 - Recognition of Code Enforcement Efforts
7. Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless the standing rules are waived by the Council)
- * 8. Minutes of Meetings
9. Administrative Reports
- * 10. Committee Reports

III. LEGISLATION

11. Resolution to Establish a Bicycle Task Force
 - Second Reading
12. An Ordinance to Repeal and Re-Enact with Amendments Chapter 5, Cable Television, of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Implementing the "Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992"
 - First Reading
13. An Ordinance to Amend Section 13-56, Appointment from Within Service, Chapter 13 of the Greenbelt City Code to Permit the Personnel Officer, in the Event a Vacancy Occurs, to Determine Whether Any Employees in Classified or Non-Classified Service Are Qualified and Willing to Accept Promotion or Reassignment, and to Permit the Personnel Officer to Seek Applicants from Outside the Service
 - First Reading
14. An Ordinance to Amend Section 13-58, "Probationary Appointment of New Personnel" of the City Code to Permit the Personnel Officer to Extend the Probationary Period of New Personnel Beyond One Year
 - First Reading
15. An Ordinance to Amend the Personnel Code by Adding Section 123-61, Entitled "Return to Probationary Status," to Allow the Personnel Officer to Return an Employee to Probationary Status after the Employee's Initial Completion of Probation, when the Employee's Ability to Carry Out Assigned Tasks, Dependability, or Other Work Habits, Attitudes, or Personal Conduct Fall Below that Expected of All City Employees
 - First Reading

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

16. Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Annual Report
17. Mitigation Plan for Greenbrook Lake
18. Proposed Parking Restrictions on Ivy Lane and on Cherrywood Lane
19. City-Wide Trails Master Plan
20. Supervision of Fitness Center
21. Maintenance Agreement for Greenbrook Manor for Space Court
22. Draft Letter to Maryland Attorney General re: Cable Television Charges
- * 23. Award of Purchase for Vehicle for Code Enforcement

V. MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change.

Regular Council meetings are open to the public and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 474-8000 or 474-1811 (TTY) to request such accommodation before 10:00 am on the day of the meeting. For information, please call 474-3870.

Dorothy Lauber, CMC
City Clerk

Lunch with Santa For Greenbriar Tots

Children of Greenbriar and Glen Oaks are invited to enjoy lunch with Santa on Saturday, December 11, at 1 p.m. "McDonald's will provide Happy Meals, that is, a hamburger, fries, orange cooler, and of course a toy," said John Lynch, Chair of the Greenbriar Social Committee.

The children will have a holiday movie, a coloring party and win holiday door prizes. There will be many photo opportunities with Ole' St. Nick in the Terrace Room, which is now quite festive for the holidays. Teen and adult volunteers are invited to attend.

There is no charge for this event, but parents should register their children for this popular event by contacting Linda Evans, Activities Director at 441-1096 or a member of the Greenbriar Social Committee as soon as possible.

Wetlands Hike

Join a Park Ranger for a two-mile hike to view a wooded wetland area. Learn about the biological role that wetlands serve while discovering plant and animal communities in a forested swamp. Meet at the Greenbelt Park entrance at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 12.

For more information call (301) 344-3948 or (301) 344-3944.

Recreation Review**Men's Basketball League**

The Recreation Department is now accepting franchises for the Men's Basketball League. Games will be played at the Youth Center gym on Sundays. Registration deadline is December 27. For fee and additional information, please call 4774-6878, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

NARFE Party

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Christmas party will be held at Schmoosies at the Beltway Plaza Wednesday, December 15 at noon. See December newsletter for details.

Panthers Potluck

On December 11 the public is invited to join the Gray Panthers of Prince Georges County, Greenbelt Network, at the Greenbelt Youth Center for a holiday potluck get-together from 4:30 to 6:30. The group welcomes people of all ages.

For further information call Esther Webb at 474-6800 or Janet Parker at 474-6663. Efforts will be made to provide transportation for those needing it. Bring a dish to share.

Golden Age Club

by Adeline Hinson

On December 15 we will be voting for the new officers for the upcoming year of 1994. We will also hold our annual Christmas party, following the voting.

It is requested that everyone bring finger food for this occasion. The punch will be provided by the hospitality committee.

This is another reminder that the trip to Alaska for late May of next year is still open. Please contact our travel chair, Jim Maher, on 513-5869 as soon as possible concerning this trip.

Due to the Christmas holidays there will be no meetings held on Wednesdays, December 22 and 29. The Morrison Lounge is always open for golden-agers to socialize.

On January 5, we will resume the regular meetings. Put this date on your calendar for the installation of the new officers.

December Speakers At Women's Network

Women of Merit Empowerment Network (W.O.M.E.N.) will feature such diverse topics as history, the law, and careers at their next two biweekly meetings at Mishkan Torah Synagogue.

On December 13, Marge Bergemann, R.N., will discuss making career changes in midlife. Judge Deborah Chansanow will explore women and the law in her talk on December 20. These two-hour meetings are free and open to all women in Greenbelt. The sessions are sponsored by the Synagogue Sisterhood.

Come to a Birdwalk

Patuxent Wildlife Research Center will offer a guided birdwalk on Sunday, December 12, at 1 p.m. This program is suitable for ages 16 and up.

Bring binoculars and field guides if possible. In the event of inclement weather, there will be an indoor slide program. Please call 410-674-3304 to register. Participants will meet at the Visitor Contact Station, Bald Eagle Drive (off Route 198), Laurel.

Fun at Goddard

This month the Goddard Visitor Center invites the public to learn about the history of space programs and present and future NASA projects.

On Sunday, December 12, at 1 p.m., Goddard's Dr. Bruce Woodgate will discuss "Narrowband Imaging for the Early Evolution of Galaxies."

The Visitor Center is located in Greenbelt, on Soil Conservation Road. All events are free. For more information, call (301) 286-8981.

Schmoke to Speak At Democratic Club

The annual winter holiday meeting of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will be held on Friday, December 17 at 8 p.m. in the Greenbriar Community Building on Hanover Parkway.

This year's event will feature the Honorable Kurt Schmoke, mayor of Baltimore as guest speaker. He will discuss aspects of the city and state from his unique perspective and entertain questions for discussion.

The social portion of the evening will be a reception for newly installed officers for the coming year. Festive appetizers and desserts will be served. The general public is cordially invited to join club members. For transportation, call Pat Unger at 474-1052.

Mildred**Don Bullian**

Pioneer Greenbelter Mildred (Millie) DonBullian, age 88, died December 1 at her home in Greenbelt. She lived with her son, Anthony, daughter-in-law, Kathy and grandchildren Genette and Vincent.

Born July 13, 1905, she was one of 11 children. She and her husband the late Eli DonBullian, were among the first families to move into Greenbelt.

Millie enjoyed working at the Greenbelt Youth Center and the pool, teaching needlepoint, playing Bingo and serving refreshments to the senior citizens at the Good Luck Recreation Center.

She was an active member of St. Hugh's Church and the Ladies of Charity. She also was active in the Lions Club and the Greenbelt Golden Age Club. Millie was an election judge in precinct 23-6.

Always active she was not content to sit at home but enjoyed being out in the community and meeting people. She never stopped working but continued helping out in the Greenbelt and Good Luck recreation centers.

She is survived by her sons Anthony E. and Ronald F. of Greenbelt, sisters Gene Compato and Louise Esposito and brother Eugene Negro of New York, 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Her son Edward is deceased.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Hugh's Church on Monday. Interment was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Silver Spring.

The family requests that memorial contributions be sent to the Greenbelt Lions Club.

Recycling Corner

Newspapers are collected at the curb for citizens' convenience. First remove the slick inserts (usually in the Sunday paper), then place newspaper in a brown paper bag or tied with string. The newspaper belongs next to the yellow bin. Last year, Greenbelters recycled 539 tons of newspaper at the curb.

Bahai Faith

"True remembrance is to make mention of the Lord, the All-Praised, and forget aught else beside Him?"

— Baha'i Sacred Writings
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Catholic Community of Greenbelt

MASS

Municipal Building, Sundays,
10:00 A.M.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH Episcopal Baltimore Blvd.

at Powder Mill Rd. 937-4292

Services at

8:15, 9:30 and 10:45

Sunday School at 9:30

Church Office Hours

Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m. - 12 noon

Rev. John G. Bals, Rector

GHI Notes

On Saturday, December 11, the Woodlands Committee and the State Forester will make an on-site review of the trees marked under the Forest Management Plan. Members are invited to attend (see ad elsewhere in this issue of the News Review).

On Sunday, December 12, the Woodlands Committee will finish the planting project scheduled for last week but postponed because of rain. Members are invited to participate (see ad elsewhere in this issue of the News Review).

The regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday, December 16 at 8 p.m.

GHI offices will close at noon on Friday, December 17 for the employees annual Christmas Party. Emergency maintenance that day will be available by calling 474-6011.

Greenbelt Post Office Adds Holiday Hours

For the convenience of customers, hours at the post office have been extended as follows through December 23:

Monday-Wednesday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 12-4 p.m.

At Beltway Plaza next to GNC (General Nutrition Center) a Christmas Post Office will operate as follows:

Thursday to Saturday, December 9-December 11, 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, December 12, 12 to 4 p.m.; Thursday to Saturday, December 16-December 18, 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, December 19, 12 to 4 p.m.; and Monday, December 20-Thursday, December 23, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

On Christmas Eve, December 24, the post office at Roosevelt Center will operate normal hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. There

Mishkan Torah Hosts Students

About a hundred teenagers from around Maryland converged on two local synagogues this weekend for Kadima Kallah, an annual convention where young Jewish students have an opportunity to meet each other, share their faith and have fun as well. The theme of this year's convention was "Let my house be open wide to all people: Jewish Perspectives on the Disabled."

Students were housed and fed breakfast in the homes of local synagogue members, a generosity that is considered a "mitzvah," a good deed. The students sang, role-played, acted in skits and performed the Sabbath blessings. A dance held on Saturday night concluded a successful meeting.

Host Families Needed

The YES program, a non-profit educational organization that fosters goodwill and friendship between Americans and peoples of other nations through the enriching experience of intercultural exchange, is looking for families who will open their homes and hearts to an international student. Host homes are needed so that students can be suitably matched with families and schools for second semester or one school year ('94).

YES students are high school scholars from Europe, the Far East, South and Central America or Mexico who are carefully selected for good moral and ethical behavior and have medical/accident insurance.

A monthly tax-deductible benefit is allowable for hosting a student. Interested families may call YES at 800-848-2121. "Make a difference in a world of differences." Please say YES to YES... TODAY.

will be no hours at Beltway Plaza.

Donations Wanted

Greenbelt Nursery School and Kindergarten at 1 Hillside Road will be collecting canned goods and non-perishable foods as well as winter clothing items for distribution to families in need. Clothing items include hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, coats and boots. Items may either be new or used (in good condition). Please contact Susan McEvoy (345-8354) to donate. Donations accepted through December 18.

Paint Branch**Unitarian Church**

(3215 Powder Mill Road)

Sun., Dec. 12 - 9:30 & 11:15

"Christmas, Bah, Humbug"

11:15 only English Handbell

Ringers

Church School 9:30 a.m.

Sign Interpreter for Deaf

Persons at 11:15

Assistive listening Devices

Rev. R. H. Thompson 937-3666

Boys Choir Concert

The Maryland Boy Choir celebrates its 11th performing season with a concert of traditional Christmas music on Friday, December 17 at 8 p.m. in the Tawes Recital Hall at the University of Maryland, College Park. Selections arranged by Willcocks and Rutter will be performed. The boys will be joined by Maryland Boy Choir alumni members of the Eleanor Roosevelt Chamber Choir. There is a fee.

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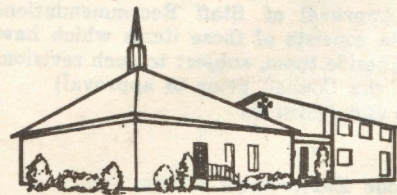
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(First Friday each month)

Saturday 9:30 a.m.
7:30 p.m.)

Rabbi: Saul Grife

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10 a.m.

Adult Bible Study 10 a.m.
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135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Md.

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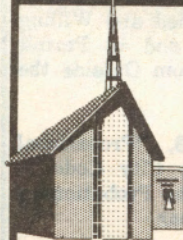
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Saturday 5 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:30 a.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. Monday-Saturday
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Rev. Thomas F. Crowley, Pastor

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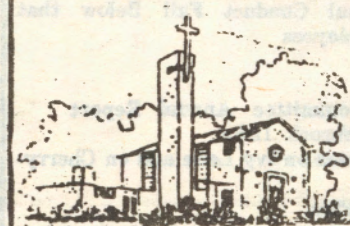
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Christmas Cantata (Sun.) 11:00 AM
Worship Services (Sun.) 7:00 PM
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11:00 a.m.

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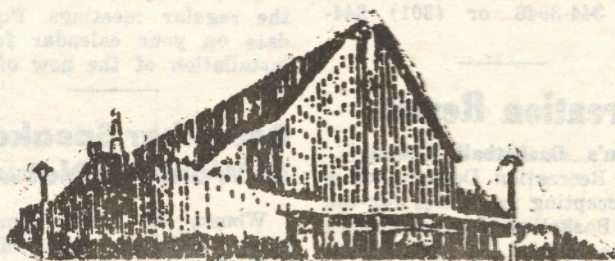
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Sunday, 8:30 & 11:15 a.m. (Infant care provided at each service)

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Pre-School Department 9:50 and 11:15 a.m.

For information regarding programs for youth, young adults, singles, and senior citizens, please call the church office.

345-5111

Better Bus Service to Start

by Betsy Likowski

Rapid and frequent rush hour bus service, late evening bus service six days a week - these are just some of the more exciting aspects of the new and improved bus service to Greenbelt. All the bus routes in this part of the county will change on Sunday, December 12 to coincide with the opening of the new Metro stations on the Metro Green Line on Saturday, December 11.

The existing T15/16 will stay on its current route, including through Greenbelt East and central Greenbelt with the addition of two new spurs, one of which takes it to the new Greenbelt Metro station. The times it will run will be similar to the current schedule.

The new R12 bus route will travel through all three sections of the city and to the Greenbelt, New Carrollton, College Park and Deanwood Metro stations. (See boxes.)

Look for new bus schedules

at metro stations or call 202-637-7000 for metro bus information.

Springhill Lake

Springhill Lake residents will be only a short bus ride to the Greenbelt Metro station. The route the R12 runs in Springhill Lake is unchanged.

Central Greenbelt

Bus service to the central part of the city will be much improved and expanded with the new bus routes that go into effect this weekend. Two buses will travel the same route: the

T15/16/17 and the R12. This means that the times between buses will decrease, in some cases radically. For example, buses will run as close as five to ten minutes apart during rush hour.

Currently bus service is once an hour during the middle of the day. The new bus service will increase bus frequency. In some cases non-rush hour bus service will be every half hour or less.

Heading west to the Greenbelt Metro station, the route of the R12 and T15/16/17 buses will follow will be—Southway to Crescent Road, Gardenway, north up Ridge Road, south down Laurel Hill and Hillside Roads, west on Crescent Road to Kenilworth Avenue. The R12 will then go through Capital Office Park to the Metro station. The T15/16/17 will continue as it currently does to Beltway Plaza at all times and Capital Office Park during rush hour, and then to the metro station.

Careful study of these two routes is a good idea since the two together offer people an array of choices in times and travel options. For example, commuters could take either bus to the Greenbelt Metro station or

take the R12 to the New Carrollton Metro station. Doing the latter will take only a bit longer than taking the current R11 commuter bus to the New Carrollton Metro station.

People who live west of the Roosevelt Center or live in Charlestowne Village, University Square, Lakeside, or in the area near the Greenbelt library can take the newly modified C2 bus. It starts at the Roosevelt Center and travels west to Beltway Plaza, Greenbelt Metro station and the University of Maryland. It runs every half hour six days a week. On weekdays there will be 29 bus trips leaving the bus stop at Crescent and Gardenway from 5:36 a.m. to 7:05 p.m. It will get to the Greenbelt Metro station in approximately 15 minutes. There will be 30 eastbound trips ending at the Crescent and Gardenway stop. The C2 leaves the Greenbelt Metro station heading west from 6:25 a.m. to 8:57 p.m.

Greenbelt East

The area north of Greenbelt Road will still have the T15/16 bus.

The new R12 bus route will travel through Greenbelt East

using the same route as the current R15 commuter bus, but now the area south of Greenbelt Road will have all day bus service.

The area north of Greenbelt Road will have two buses. This will mean a greater frequency of buses running through that area. Both buses go to the Greenbelt and New Carrollton Metro stations. People should check the schedules closely to discover the best route and times for their needs.

R-12 -

Greenbelt Metro

Taking the new R12 bus to get to the Greenbelt Metro Station from Greenbelt East and central Greenbelt.

The R12 runs twice an hour during rush hour and once an hour during mid-day. It will take approximately 20 minutes to get from the intersection of Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt Road to the Greenbelt Metro Station, 11 minutes to get from Crescent and Gardenway to the Greenbelt Metro and six minutes to get from Crescent and Ridge Roads to the Greenbelt Metro. For example: the R12 bus will pass Hanover Pkwy. and Greenbelt Road at 8:12 a.m., Crescent and Gardenway at 8:19 a.m., Crescent and Ridge 8:25 a.m., and arrives at the Greenbelt Metro at 8:31 a.m.

The following times are when the R12 arrives at the Greenbelt Metro Station: 5:51 a.m., 6:21, 6:51, 7:25, 7:55, 8:31, 9:01, 9:31, 10:08, 11:13, 12:13 p.m., 1:13, 2:15, 3:15, 3:44, 4:19, 4:49, 5:19, 5:49, 6:19, 6:43, 7:23, 7:53, and 8:23 p.m.

R-12 -

New Carrollton

Taking the new R12 bus from Springhill Lake, Beltway Plaza, Greenbelt Metro, Central Greenbelt, Greenbelt East to New Carrollton Metro Station.

The R12 runs twice an hour during rush hour and once an hour during mid-day. It will take approximately 12 minutes from Springhill Drive and Edmonston Road to the Greenbelt Metro Station, six minutes from Beltway Plaza to the Greenbelt Metro, six minutes from the Greenbelt Metro to Crescent and Ridge Roads, 13 minutes from Greenbelt Metro to Crescent and Gardenway, 21 minutes from Greenbelt Metro to Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt Road, and 39 minutes between Greenbelt and New Carrollton Metro Stations.

The following times are when the R12 leaves the Greenbelt Metro Station heading toward the New Carrollton Metro Station: 5:10 a.m., 5:40, 6:10, 6:40, 7:10, 7:40, 8:10, 8:40, 9:10, 9:55, 10:55, 11:55, 12:55 p.m., 1:55, 2:55, 3:55, 4:40, 5:10, 5:40, 6:10, 6:40, 7:10, 7:40, 8:19, 8:54, 9:54.

U.M. Band Concert

The University of Maryland Department of Music, Bands Division, will present its 23rd annual Showcase Concert on Saturday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Tawes Theater at the College Park campus.

For additional information, please call the Band Office at (301) 405-5542. There is a fee.

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Channel B-10 Schedule

Monday December 13, 1993

8:00pm City Council Meeting "Live"

Tuesday & Thursday, December 14 & 16

6:00pm "Once Upon a Time"

6:30pm "Greenbelt Combined Choir"

7:30pm "Greenbelt Concert Band"

8:30pm Replay of City Council 12/13/93



Attention GHI Members

The work party sponsored by the Woodlands Committee to finish the project in Parcel Z was postponed due to rain. The committee has rescheduled this work party for Sunday, December 12. Members interested in helping to plant trees and shrubs around the new paths and the bridge built last spring, are invited to meet the Woodlands Committee at noon on Sunday, December 12, at the north side of the tunnel under Hillside Road.

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Holi-DAY Recess Camp

December 27—30

Ages 6 — 12

7 am—6 pm \$65



Clinton Health Proposals Explained by Steny Hoyer

by Jeannine R. Fielding

Representative Steny Hoyer found his Prince Georges County constituents an anomaly at a November 8 town meeting on health care at Duval High School. While 91% of those present said "Yes, we want change," half the audience rejected President Clinton's health care plan and chose the single-payer plan, similar to that of Canada. The Clinton plan, the choice of Hoyer's four other counties, was only chosen by 23 percent of the audience. Hoyer made no commitment to one plan or the other, but he said that Clinton's plan does address many of the problems in America's health care system today.

If the single-payer plan would work, the audience wanted it. "Why don't we embrace the plan like Canada's?" asked one woman. Hoyer responded with a reason similar to that of many other members on Capitol Hill. "It would be tough to pass the financing for the single-payer plan; that's why politically it won't pass," he said. "If I came to you and said I was going to raise your income taxes \$1,000, but at the same time I would reduce your health insurance by \$1,200, you wouldn't believe me." The audience reacted with applause.

Other concerns from the audience and ones that will "play out on the House floor in the coming months", according to Hoyer, included providing health care to illegal aliens and their children, malpractice suits in the medical industry, and government as "Big Brother," mandating health care for its citizens. For example, one man in the audience insisted he had a right not to purchase health care for himself, since he was "healthy and didn't need the extra cost." In reply, Hoyer

stressed the importance for all Americans of having health care, in case of car accidents, for example.

Rising Costs

Hoyer, with the help of three panelists, explained that the cost of health care has risen approximately 451 percent since 1965, when the Social Security Act was passed, although the income each American earns on a yearly basis has risen only 6.9 percent in purchasing power. He said this dramatic difference proves that Americans need a reduction in health care costs, "because they are no longer affordable."

Hoyer also compared the percentage of the Gross National Product spent on health care per capita in the United States, Germany, Canada, and Japan. The U.S. spends almost 14 percent of its GNP on health care, while Canada spends one-third less. Japan spends half what Americans are paying. Germany spends slightly more than Japan, but more than one-third less than the U.S. "It is high quality health care (in the U.S.), but it is high priced," said Hoyer.

Details of Clinton Plan

Judy Feder, assistant deputy secretary of Health and Human Services and one of the key players on Hillary Clinton's health care task force, presented the nuts and bolts of "Health Security," President Clinton's health care plan. She described four key objectives. The first is Security, so that families no longer need fear being dropped from their insurance plan if someone gets sick, switches jobs, moves, or starts a small business. Second, the reduction of spiraling costs. This will prevent insurance companies from charging high prices for prescription drugs and small businesses from going bankrupt due to an average of 35 percent premium increases. Third, the reduction of administrative costs. Over the last decade, the number of health administrators grew 16 times faster than the number of doctors, generating paperwork costs that far outweigh the cost of medical services. Fourth, the improvement of quality and choices. Clinton's plan will ensure that patients can get preventive care, such as annual mammograms and prenatal care, and also keep their own doctors.

How to Fund the Plan

"Everyone will be responsible for contributing something," is the key to the Health Security plan, according to Feder. Revenue sources include contributions from employers and individuals who currently pay nothing for insurance, limiting growth in federal health care programs, new taxes on tobacco, and contributions from large self-insured corporations.

Premiums will be determined based on family type (two parent family, single parent fam-

ily, etc.), where an individual lives, and type of health plan chosen (examples are fee for service, networks of doctors and hospitals, or health maintenance organizations-HMOs).

Examples of Rising Costs

One of the panelists, Dr. Richard Lilly, a self-employed doctor, gave examples of the rise in health care costs in his practice. In 1965 it cost Lilly \$200 to deliver a baby. Today, it costs \$40,000. He described the rise in technology costs for patients as unnecessary expenses in some cases. He said doctors often use highly advanced technological drugs and equipment when a generic drug or no drug at all would suffice, and added that generalist medicine and practicing in rural or inner-city environments can improve the system.

Ken Folstein, a lawyer and small businessman, advocated change in health care because he fears he will no longer be able to afford health care for his own family and his one employee. In 1984, Folstein paid monthly premiums of \$293, and annual out-of-pocket expenses of \$2500. With the rise in insurance premiums and the fact that he was added to an "older" age bracket (after reaching 50), his premiums in 1993 rose to \$1514 per month. Folstein, like many others, wants to provide medical coverage for his staff, but cannot afford it. "I simply cannot compete with the federal government (or other large groups like it)," he said, for these group plans include hundreds of thousands of potential customers. The Clinton plan will accommodate people like Folstein under state alliances designed to assist the small business customer.

Hot Tubber Saves Suitless Swimmer

by David Morse

An unpaying interloper, sans swim suit, was seized in a net and hauled out of the main outdoor pool at the Aquatic Center early last Friday. The intruder had made his way under the cyclone fence at the perimeter, plunged into the water, and had quickly begun experiencing difficulty. A tragedy was averted by the quick action of the pool manager and a swimmer who leaped out of the hot tub and dashed outside, braving the chilly weather.

The intruder was a grey squirrel.

All the hubbub startled early bird swimmers, who interrupted their workouts to observe the rescue. The pool's manager that mornig, Kathy Rothstein, had noticed movement in the water outside while taking a turn as lifeguard. She ran to fetch a long pole, accompanied by a patron, Dr. Martin Weisserman, who carried the net, which is ordinarily used to skim leaves and debris out of the water.

As it happened, the squirrel paddled to the edge of the pool and was scooped up in the net by Weisserman, who is not unaccustomed to assisting strangers in distress. He is a former lifeguard and also happens to be Prince Georges County's health officer.

The squirrel had no comment.

22nd ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, GREENBELT, MARYLAND 301-474-6878

The 22nd Annual Festival of Lights is a celebration of holiday events held throughout the month of December. Many programs, both old and new, have been scheduled for Greenbelters and their guests to enjoy. Share in your community's holiday season spirit for 1993!!!

Friday, December 10th, 7:30 p.m. — Holiday Caroling

Meet at the Roosevelt Center Mother and Child Statue. Stroll with us through the Mall singing all the old favorite carols. Refreshments to be served afterwards at the Greenbelt Youth Center

Saturday, December 11th, 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon — Santa Visits Greenbelt

Santa and his helpers make their annual stop to hear all Greenbelt's good little boys' and girls' Christmas lists. Bring a blank VHS video tape and have your child's visit recorded. Santa will make his stop at the Greenbelt American Legion Post #136, 6900 Greenbelt Road. FREE. Sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and Greenbelt American Legion.

Saturday, December 11th, 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. — Pre-School Holiday Lunch

Greenbelt American Legion Post #136, 6900 Greenbelt Road. Lunch and craft making for 3 - 5 year olds. Pre-registration required at the Youth Center Business Office by December 10th. Fee: \$5.00. Sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and Greenbelt American Legion.

Saturday, December 11th, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. — Holiday Pot Luck Dinner

Greenbelt Youth Center — Sponsored by the Gray Panthers and the Greenbelt Recreation Department. FREE. Open to all. Enjoy an opportunity to dine with fellow neighbors. Everybody is asked to bring a dish to share. For more information contact Janet Parker at 474-6668 or Esther Webb at 474-6890.

Saturday, December 18th, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. — Children's Holiday Workshop

Greenbelt Youth Center. Children, 6-12 years old, will be busy making cookies, Christmas ornaments and gifts at our holiday workshop. Registration Fee: \$10.00. Call 474-6878 for registration information.

Saturday, December 18th, 10:00 a.m. — 29th Annual Holiday Race

Braden Field Tennis Courts/Youth Center. Sponsored by the D.C. Road Runners/Greenbelt Running Club, 10 or 20 mile runs and 1.75 mile around the Lake at 10:10 a.m. Sign-up one hour before. Contact Joe Broderick 441-9247 or D.C. Road Runners, 703-241-0395. Fee: \$5.00 Non-Member of D.C. Road Runner; \$3.00 Member; \$1.00 for 1.75 Mile Fun Run.

For special holiday events (residents only) in the following communities dial — Greenbriar Community Building, 441-1096; Windsor Green Community House, 345-4837; Hunting Ridge Community Building, 345-1777.

This schedule was prepared by the Greenbelt Recreation Department. Except where noted, programs are open to the public free of charge. Dial 474-6878 for further information. The Recreation Department staff extends their thanks for your support this year and wishes you and yours "HAPPY HOLIDAYS".

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Truly an excellent value! Separate dining rm, spacious kitchen with dishwasher. Pretty wallpaper accents. Big 11x17 MBR. Updated bath. Great yard with deck and huge shed. Nice court.

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Same low monthly payment as a frame home! \$2000 closing help! Great location, really close to the Center. All new carpet, roomy kitchen & modern bath. Lots of storage. Pretty yard & patio.

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BRICK HOME **\$68,900**
Sunny location with fenced yard. \$3000 closing help. New paint, new carpet & separate dining room. Large MBR is 11X17. Modern bath and roomy kitchen with washer & dryer & new flooring.

"I WILL CONSIDER HOLDING FINANCING & ALL OFFERS" **\$54,900**
Perfect kitchen has new counters, cabinets, W/D, carpet, A/C, fan & fenced yd. \$1500 closing help.

END UNIT **\$54,900 & \$2000 closing help**
Wonderful location backs to acres & acres of woods. Yard is fenced with shed & patio. Enlarged dining area, gorgeous hardwood floors, heat pump, breakfast bar, 2 A/C's and stacking W/D.

TERRIFIC DEAL! **\$49,900**
Lovely home with modern bath, updated kitchen and W/D. Great location and backs to woods.

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New paint inside & out, carpet, appliances, cabinets, tile flooring & bath fixtures. Fenced yard.

CLOSE TO NEW SCHOOL **\$58,500 plus \$1500 CLOSING HELP!**
Modern kitchen. Sep. laundry & updated bath. Nice yard. Top condition. Considering all offers.

BEAUTIFUL BLOCK END UNIT **\$83,900 PLUS \$3000 CLOSING HELP!**
Outstanding home. Completely redone. Sep BR. Spacious fenced yard has a big shaded deck!

2 STORY ADDITION with ROMANTIC WOOD STOVE **\$69,900**
Super home has a deck & swing. Updated kitchen & bath. Perfect floors and gorgeous wallpaper. Huge dining area. Separate laundry w/washer & storage. 3rd bedroom makes ideal nursery/ den.

WOW - A BRICK HOME FOR ONLY **\$61,900**
Freshly painted, new living room carpet, sep BR, updated bath, pretty yard, hedges, patio & shed.

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1st floor addition provides the 4th bedroom and the 2ND FULL BATH! Large eat-in kitchen has stacking W/D, built-in A/C & new tile flooring. Freshly painted interior. Really close to the Center.

GHI Board Sustains Vote

(Continued from page one)

of the employee's premium. Don Comis made a motion that staff provide information on the cost savings if GHI required employees to make a 20% co-payment on health insurance. Williams requested modification of the motion to ask for a range of information, to which Comis

agreed. This motion was unanimously adopted.

As to other items on the list, the board felt that it could not reach decisions without staff information. However, something had to be done right away, because GHI was already late in sending out notices of next year's charges. Although the board adopted a budget, the decision not to increase member charges necessitated revising it. Also, the board had not authorized fund expenditures for the next year.

Continuing Resolution

Turnbull proposed that the board authorize continuation of spending at the same level as for the current year until the board and manager can get together and resolve where to make the cuts. This proposal was likened to a continuing resolution of the U.S. Congress, which is done when it fails to adopt the federal budget on time. O'Boyle was concerned that GHI had no control over some of the expenditure increases, but Williams felt that management, at its discretion, could accommodate these changes. Hess stated that GHI expenditures for the first months of the year were lower than in the summer months.

Freas proposed a continuing resolution for January but after further discussion asked for a motion to cover the first quarter of the year. Hess then moved that GHI operate under a budget equal to that of the 1993 budget for the first quarter. That motion was unanimously adopted (with the chair supporting the motion, the chair not voting unless there is a tie). The board was uncertain as to what it would have to do about an expenditure authorization but decided it could resolve the matter at a later date.

Acting Manager Paul Sinner advised that it would be necessary to send members a special

letter about next year's fees rather than the normal letter because it would apply only for the first three months and not all information normally sent out would be known at this time. Freas felt that staff could estimate property taxes for anyone needing the information, as such information would not be included in the special letter.

Straw Voting

Concerning the list, Levin put forth a motion to direct staff to take the list, group it into appropriate categories, and make recommendations, including financial and other ramifications, as to what could and could not be done. O'Boyle suggested that staff provide ranges for the various alternatives. During discussion, the members agreed to take straw votes on the items on the list so that staff would have an understanding of which proposals for cuts a majority of the board would consider doing. The motion carried six to two, with Jahoda and Cathy Weber in opposition.

After a brief recess, the board quickly went through the list, with members casting votes on those items that they would be willing to consider further for making cuts (or for making increases in the case of fees). Of the 51 items, 33 received majority board support (see list).

After hearing a few member comments, the board went into executive session for personnel, legal and fiduciary matters.

Better Communication

At the beginning of the meeting, Overdurff complimented the board and its chair on the way it handled a difficult membership meeting. She is concerned that there is not a lot of communication between the board and its members. "When I come on board," she said, "we will take a hard look at everything. We will listen to the members. I am looking forward to coming to work. It will be a challenge. We will look for ways to get the members involved."

GHI Budget Items to Be Considered for Cuts*

Health insurance	Masonry trim**
Contracts (all)	Frame home pipe removal
Association dues	Tree trimming**
Positions—eliminate	Washer drains program
Board expenses	Sidewalk replacement**
Employee pay increases	Long and short term disability
Office supplies	Hiring freeze
Staff expenses	Temporary and professional help
Smoke detectors	Legal expenses
Court lighting—new**	Fringe benefits
Bath tub glazing	Late fees and other fees (increase)
Boiler room demolition	Court beautification
GDC Income (increase)	User fees (increase)
Architecture study (for headquarters building)	Charitable contributions
All new programs	Fee for service program
Maintenance bathroom improvements	Refinance of NCB loan
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Council Considers 5-Year Goals Outlined in City Manager's Report

by Jeannine R. Fielding

Is there a labor-management chasm in Greenbelt? Will the new Council continue some of the current projects already underway in Greenbelt or will they change city priorities and re-allocate funds? These are some questions that emerged from the Nov. 29 worksession.

City Manager Daniel Hobbs presented a report suggesting possible directions the council could take in assessing its goals for the next five years. They included, but were not limited to, maintaining the 1991 estimate as "good for the next five years," preparing and incorporating a "vision of what Greenbelt should be in the year 2000," or concentrating immediately on the next one or two years.

Council decided on a getaway retreat in early February to re-evaluate goals, brainstorm about old and new projects, and rank capital projects. All members wanted to reassess the direction of the city budget, especially Mayor Toni Bram, who is "not optimistic" about the state of the economy.

Financial Forecast

Hobbs also gave a five-year financial forecast to council, with discontent as the prominent theme. City staff's comments reflected concern about "tight budgets" over a "tough four years." The report quoted one employee saying, "We've been cut so severely for four years that we do not have a sense of what it truly costs to run this organization."

However, council members, with the exception of newly-elected Judith "J" Davis who remained fairly reticent throughout the work session, indicated that staff had much to be grateful for. Mayor Bram said, "They have their jobs, don't they?"

Council members reminded Hobbs that other nearby cities were laying workers off, cutting budgets further, and were in "rougher shape" financially than Greenbelt.

Mayor Bram spoke with pride of the city's ability to give staff a 1.5 percent cost of living adjustment (COLA) in 1993. While this ranked higher than College Park and Prince Georges County, which gave no COLAs to their employees, it fell far short of Bowie's 3 percent increase.

But Hobbs pointed out that Greenbelt's expenditures have exceeded its revenue base. "Revenues have only been increasing about one-third to one-half as fast as they increased in the late 1980s," he said, and the difference between expenditures and revenues for fiscal year 1995 is estimated to be \$14,688.

Cost increases such as COLAs and merit pay increases for staff (an average of a possible 3.4 percent), inflation (estimated at 4 percent per year), a half-time police officer (\$30,000) and the community center (\$300,000 in FY94-95, \$360,000 in FY95-96 and 4 percent increase each year thereafter) will drive budgets higher. Total expenditure increases for fiscal year 1995 are estimated at 6.1 percent for FY96, 5.4 percent, and 4.3 percent for the remaining three years.

Positive Direction

However, even though the market value of property has declined, Greenbelt appears to be heading in a positive direction, the report said, with the opening of the Greenbelt Metro station, the new Caldor department store in Beltway Plaza, and the federal courthouse (scheduled to open in 1994). Thirty new homes will be added at Greenspring for \$60,000, and 50 at English County Manor and Belle Point for \$40,000, in added property tax revenues.

Council will consider budget priorities for such projects as the pedestrian overpasses at

Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt Road, Frankfort Drive and Greenbelt Road, and Kenilworth at Ivy or Cherrywood Lane, as well as the continuous evaluation of the community center. Also, the trail system for Greenbelt, which has already been mapped and its capital requirements identified, await further direction from council.

As the new federal courthouse approaches a 1994 completion date, council must determine if it will continue to promote underground burial of utility lines for the developed areas. So far, according to Hobbs' report, there has been no cooperation with PEPCO, the General Service Administration, and representatives from the Capital Office park.

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yards are located on 75 acres of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) east of the CSXT tracks, between the Capital Beltway and Sunnyside Avenue.

The project was delayed due to disputes over the location of the yards and the BARC site's unique ecosystem, particularly wetlands. The issue was on the agenda of many Greenbelt City Council meetings, and public hearings involving state and federal environmental officials were held in the Municipal Building.

Currently, most of the BARC tract has been transferred to WMATA. About 20 acres are still held by BARC. These will be transferred following completion by BARC of remedial cleaning up and backfilling of part of the remaining acreage where various waste products were found that did not meet today's environmental regulations.

In the meantime, work continues on the yards, which are expected to open in mid-1995.

Police Blotter

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

As a woman was going into her apartment building in the 6100 block of Breezewood Court around 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday, December 1, a man came up behind her, grabbed her purse, and tried to remove it from her arm. She resisted and started to scream. The man then put his hand over her mouth; she bit his hand; he punched her in the face and ran away with her purse. The man is described as black, about 20 years old, 6'1", 200 lbs., with black hair and brown eyes, wearing blue jeans, a blue sweatshirt, a brown leather jacket, tan boots, and a blue and white baseball cap.

As a person was using a pay phone in Roosevelt Center to respond to his pager, he handed it to a person who asked to see it. However, that person put it in his pocket, and when asked to return it, punched the first person in the face and ran off. He is described as black, possibly a juvenile, 5'8", heavily built, wearing a shirt with wide horizontal yellow and white stripes, and possibly black pants. The incident occurred around 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 24.

A breaking and entering of a residence in the 9100 block of Springhill Lane was reported on Saturday, November 27. Entry was gained by forcing open a window, and clothing was stolen.

A breaking and entering of a residence in the 7300 block of Sunrise Court was reported on Tuesday, November 30. Entry was gained by breaking out a lower level window; nothing appears to have been stolen.

While patrolling the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road around 7 a.m. on Thursday, November 25, an officer observed a suspicious car being driven; it had one of its vent windows broken out. A computer check showed that it had been reported stolen. The officer stopped the car and arrested both of its occupants, charging them with theft. One of them, an 18-year-old nonresident man, appeared before a District Court Commissioner and was held on \$10,000 bond pending trial. The

other one, a 12-year-old nonresident, was released to a parent pending trial.

While patrolling the area of Crescent Road and Southway around 3:15 p.m. on Monday, November 29, an officer observed a suspicious vehicle and found, via computer, that its registration tags had been reported stolen. The officer arrested its occupants, a 19-year-old resident man and a 30-year-old resident woman, and charged them with theft. Both were released on citation pending trial.

A 1993 Pontiac Grand Am was reported stolen from the 7400 block of Greenbelt Road on November 28. When it was later recovered, it was found to have been burned. No arrests were made.

A 1988 Toyota Camry was reported stolen from the 6100 block of Breezewood Drive on November 30. It was later recovered; two juveniles and one adult were arrested.

On November 26, a black 1993 Isuzu pick-up was reported stolen from the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road, and a white, four-door, 1993 Toyota Camry, MD tags 23646HD, was reported stolen from the 7500 block of Mandan Road.

On November 30, a yellow, two-door, 1988 Honda CRX, MD tags AMC394, was reported stolen from the 200 block of Lakeside Drive, and a blue, two-door, 1991 Acura Legend, MD tags ZBR199, was reported stolen from the 7800 block of Hanover Pkwy.

On December 1, a black, two-door 1985 Masda RX-7, MD tags PPY988, was reported stolen from the 7500 block of Greenway Center Drive.

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GHI Members Turn Out

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be feasible. Her main comment was shock that GHI pays 100% of employees' health insurance. Many other members were to echo this sentiment.

Margaret Hogensen, former GHI board member, indicated that budget cuts would jeopardize members' investments in their homes. She recommended giving the new manager a chance to review the budget. Member Nutwell argued that many businesses have had furloughs and no pay raises. GHI has to act accordingly.

Long time GHI member Eunice Coxon asked Carole Levin

and other board members if they considered this an "honest" budget. She asked this question, she said, since her sources told her that a budget that is not a "zero-based" budget cannot be analyzed. Not surprisingly, all board members felt that the budget was honest from that point of view. Chuck Hess took the opportunity to remind members that the board members are all bound by the same increases in charges and are also concerned about costs.

Sherry Garten, the originator of the petition, indicated her concern by stating that the equity on homes has decreased

\$10,000 this year alone. She questioned GHI's comparison of salary increases for GHI employees compared to those for city employees. Will Strawberry commented that the board needs to be aware of members' concerns. When the co-op fee equals the mortgage, there is trouble selling homes. Also, he added that the more he improves his home, the less is covered by maintenance, but his fees don't decrease.

Another member stated that GHI is not run like a business and that contracting out maintenance would make maintenance more responsive and responsible. She commented on seeing a maintenance man sleeping in his truck. Another member commented on the seemingly excessive number of maintenance men and supervisors assigned to some projects. GHI member Mark Markowitz asked for cuts in the administrative costs as well as the maintenance costs. Mary Ann Cantor declared that GHI must learn to live within its means. Bob Rashkin asserted that he does not see any steps being taken to improve efficiency.

It was evident from the crowd that cost reductions was of interest to many. At the same time comments were heard indicating that few members had attended the budget hearing or the several board meetings where the budget was discussed earlier this fall.

Final Motion

By 5 p.m., after three hours of meeting, members were beginning to drift away. Bob Buzanco made an amended motion that would require the board to keep 1994 member charges at the same rate as the 1993 charges. This would be a decrease of about \$236,000 in the budget, rather than the \$900,000 decrease that was recommended by the original motion. After little more discussion, this motion was passed.

The board reminded the group that this was considered an advisory motion.



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Many people ask questions about the components on their automobile and the need to diagnose and perform maintenance. There is a nice little book found in every vehicle that comes through the door that is often regarded as the most never looked at book. It's called the Owners Manual, and pretty much spells out the required maintenance needed.

As far as diagnostics are concerned, it takes very specialized equipment to begin a diagnostic path and the ability to read and understand the necessary support material involved with operating such equipment.

With this in mind, it's not uncommon to find a repair facility not properly equipped to fully diagnose or to even attempt a valid and logical repair.

When considering a repair facility, just ask yourself a couple of questions.

- 1) Do they use specialized test equipment that will fully function on your vehicle and provide required data to make that confident repair! No guessing allowed! Most serious repair facilities invest in their ability to accurately and promptly repair these types of vehicles. A dual storage type of LAB scope must be used to diagnose even anti-lock brake systems.
2. Is the facility staffed by A.S.E. Certified technicians? Very important as far as the integrity of the technician's depth of knowledge.

With these questions answered in the affirmative, you should get pretty good results. Just because the facility looks good, it may not be good.

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Seasonal Program Delights In Arts Center Performance

by Anne Sucher

Within the confines of the whitewashed cement block walls under the Co-op Saturday night, a woman wearing a green dress and headphones checks her watch and murmurs into a walky-talky. Sure enough the lights go dim several seconds later and the people seated in eight rows of folding chairs are cast into darkness. Through the gauzy curtains, one by one, young girls begin to appear, each armed, some a little absent-mindedly, with her own holiday quote. So begins the Festival of Lights, a holiday production of the Greenbelt Arts Center.

Highlights of the evening, a mixture of music and skits, were "The Hanukkah Bush," "An Implausible Claus," and "The Twelve Days After Christmas" and "The Littlest Angel." "The Hanukkah Bush" was a sincere exploration of a young Jewish girl's desire to have a Christmas tree against the wishes of her family.

"An Implausible Claus" involves a young girl who thinks Santa Claus is a retired Jewish vaudevillian named Mr. Lefkowitz living in a nursing home. "Who but a Jew would work on Christmas?" after all. Jense en-

courages Mr. Lefkowitz to enjoy mustard on his hotdogs while using his imagination to conjure up the salt air of Coney Island, and Mr. Lefkowitz teaches Jense a bit about "timing" in physical comedy.

"An Implausible Claus" was blessed by the delightful energy of Elizabeth Werbas as Jense and the great New York accent of Ben Fisher.

"The Twelve Days after Christmas," Norma Ozur's parody of the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas" depicted what might occur during a case

Our Neighbors

by Linda Savaryn, 474-5285
Our sympathy to the family of Mildred Don Bullion who died on Wednesday.

of severe post-holiday stress disorder. It contained some of the funniest moments of the evening.

"The Littlest Angel" was helped along greatly by the excellent reading of Marie Tousignant, as well as the sweet performance of Marie Trina Fisher as the littlest angel. I confess it even brought a tear to my eye when the little angel tripped and fell sobbing at the foot of God's throne, but then, I'm very sentimental.

Though forgotten lines and some less than perfectly tuned voices dimmed the perfection of the evening, they did add a certain amateur night charm to the event. And the price is right. The performance is free, though donations are accepted. If you want a chance to hear your neighbors, young and old, sing, perform, and celebrate Christmas and Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights will be playing Friday and Saturday, December 10 and 11 at 8 p.m.

Congratulations to Rorie Marionni, who was selected to play tuba in the Junior All-State Band, and Sarah Youngblood, who was selected to play flute in the Senior All-State Band. Both are students at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Riversdale Tour

Period decorations, music by harpist Mary Kay, selected collections of antique paper weights, dolls and porcelain, and light refreshments will be featured during tours of "Riversdale," 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale, on Sunday, December 12, from noon to 5 p.m. Admission. For further information, call 301-864-0420; TDD 301-699-2404. Riversdale is accessible to persons with special needs.

Riversdale is a property of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Prince Georges County Park Department, History Division, and is leased by the Riversdale Historical Society.

Greenbelt Craft Fair

A craft fair was held at the Greenbelt Youth Center last weekend. About 30 vendors crowded the brightly lit gym. Blown glass Christmas tree ornaments, quilted baskets, tied silk scarves and hand-carved duck decoys were just a few of the many items offered for sale. While children were kept busy creating their own crafts in another room, young and old mingled at the displays, chatting with the vendors and each other. Food for sale included hot dogs and chili, and instant coffee in styrofoam cups, courtesy of the Greenbelt Arts Center.

Feed the Birds

Give the neighborhood birds a treat by stringing up goodies in a tree or shrub. Possibilities include raisins, peanuts, pinecones rolled in peanut butter with peanuts or sunflowers attached, ears of hard corn, suet cakes.

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